

I am supporting the NAB Petition opposing expansion of satellite radio into local content. The FCC granted satellite licenses with the express promise by XM and Sirius that the services would be national only. The FCC also promised to protect vibrant local broadcasting and take any necessary action to safeguard the important service that terrestrial radio provides. The local news, weather, traffic and public service broadcasting comes at great cost to local broadcasters. The satellite radio companies do not have any public interest commitments or limits, nor ownership limits. They have no local investment in any communities. They have no demonstrated commitment to public service, such as terrestrial radio has, as shown by the \$9.6-billion given to local communities in 2003. It is important for the FCC to show that it means what it says when granting licenses, and that it requires licensees to live up to their original commitments. That is the way terrestrial radio is regulated, and satellite radio needs to be treated the same way. The deal was made when the licenses were granted. Now is the time to show that the FCC means what it says, and will enforce the deal.